MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 151.

(*b*) 2.

(*c*) *The statement is laid on the table.

Lathi charge on Arts College Students.

107 *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was a lathi charge made on students inside and outside the Arts College premises in the month of September 1938; and

(*b*) the reasons for so doing?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM:

(*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know from the member whether a posse of Police Constables entered the Arts College compound and made a lathi charge thus injuring one Mahomedan student *viz.*, Basheer in the month of September?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM: The answer needs a long statement and I am prepared to give it. On a certain day in the Arts College two students *viz.*, Messrs. Basheer and Stephen were creating great trouble. The information reached the Police from the Principal of the College. We gave instructions to our Officers and men not to enter the College and watch the situation from outside. They were staying outside. The other students of the College were incited by these two students and were causing great trouble. They began to pelt stones at the College windows and doors with the result that some of them were broken. The Principal of the College requested the Police to enter the premises and to persuade the students from creating any trouble. That had no effect on the students. The students were causing some annoyance, and injury to our men and officers and in the face of great provocation they were remaining quiet. It was one of those occasions when the Police staff showed manly restraint in spite of the attack from the students.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: It is stated in the answer that no lathi charge was made. Is that true?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM: There was no lathi charge.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: Not at all in the College?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM: Absolutely not.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: Then may I know why it was reported in the newspapers that a lathi charge took place in the Arts College?

PRESIDENT: Order, order. No member should quote newspapers unless he takes responsibility for the statement he utters. Does the honourable member take responsibility for stating that there was a lathi charge?

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MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: I can promise to produce that particular newspaper which stated about the lathi charge.

PRESIDENT: The honourable member is an experienced member of the House. He knows that statements in newspapers can never be referred to in this House or in any other Legislature in the world as authentic information. Unless the honourable member is able to take responsibility for the assertions contained in the newspapers, I cannot allow him to put such statements. Does the honourable member bind himself for such statements?

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: To some extent I can.

PRESIDENT: Responsibility knows no degrees. Does the honourable member take responsibility for his statements?

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: No, Sir.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: The member answered that in the face of great provocation his officers remained quiet. May I know whether there was any provocation caused by the students and if so what was it?

PRESIDENT: I am afraid the honourable member is going too far a field.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: The official member answered that in the face of provocation his officers remained quiet. That was a definite statement made by him. In view of that I would like to know from the member—

PRESIDENT: Supplementary questions are necessary for the purpose of elucidating the answers in so far as they pertain strictly to the question in issue. Any further wandering beyond the scope of it is likely to lead to difficulties.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know what was the reason for the Police people entering the premises of the College? Was it not at the request of the Principal?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB: The students threw stones at the windows of the College and smashed some of them. The Principal of the College found it impossible for him to set right the students. Naturally he wanted the aid of the Police people. The Police who where staying outside till then went in at the specific request of the Principal of the College. They requested the students to enter their classes and persuaded them to remain quiet. They were able to restore order. In this connection I may say that the Arts College students behaved remarkably well after that particular incident.

Officers in the Account Office.

108. ***MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN**: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table:

(*a*) a statement, by caste, of the officers in the Account Office;

(*b*) a statement, by caste, showing the number of persons taken to the Account Office from other departments during 1114, the respective departments from which they were taken, and their pay before and after they were taken to the Account Office; and

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